KATIVIK

PRESS RELEASE

Cost of living agreement brings a gas price reduction to Nunavik

Kuujjuaq, Québec – October 5th 2007 – Following the signing of a $500 000 agreement between the Kativik Regional Government (KRG) and the *Ministère des Affaires Municipales et des Régions* (MAMR), during the Katimajiit Conference held in Kuujjuaq, the KRG Council passed Resolution No. 2007-71 during its September meeting to reduce the price of gasoline for all Nunavik residents, including organizations and businesses. The reduction is based on the projected number of liters of gasoline for the period of October 2007 until March 31st 2008, which is corresponding to the period of application of the measure.

Therefore, effective October 5th 2007 and until March 31st 2008, Nunavimmiut will benefit from a reduction of 16 cents per liter on the cost of gasoline. The KRG will subsidize the distributors, Kuvviti Fuel, Emudluk Fuels, Northern Stores, Halutik Enterprises and the *Fédération des Coopératives du Nouveau Québec (FCNQ)* by that amount for every liter of gasoline they sell. The KRG hopes this reduction in the price of gasoline will bring about a positive impact on the communities and people of Nunavik.

Maggie Emudluk stated that "This is a result of the combined efforts of the Makivik Corporation and KRG. We have complained, for many years, about the high price of gasoline in Nunavik. I am confident that the reduction in the price of gasoline will have a positive impact on our residents. "

The KRG thanks the gasoline distributors for the cooperation they have offered therefore permitting the implementation of this measure to be applied quickly and before the Thanksgiving long weekend.

The KRG invites all public organizations to return any savings from the application of this measure, to the KRG. KRG proposes to reinvest all of the funds they will get back from public organizations into additional measures to reduce the cost of living in Nunavik.

Kativik Regional Government (KRG) is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement, whose jurisdiction covers nearly the entire territory of Quebec north of the 55th parallel. KRG administers the affairs of Nunavik in the areas of municipal affairs, transportation, environment, police, employment, manpower training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use management, civil security and economic development.

-30-

For More Information:

Julie Grenier
Communications Coordinator
Kativik Regional Government
1-514-795-5196